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Dear Year 7 Students,

I am Ms Cave and I am writing to introduce myself to you as your new Headteacher. I am looking forward to welcoming you to join us at Highdown to be Year 7 2020.

I am sure you will be worried about the school closures at the moment and wondering what will happen. Starting secondary school is an exciting time and the beginning of an incredible seven-year adventure as a Highdowner, where you will learn so many new skills, so much knowledge, and develop into great citizens.

It can also be a little scary too and everyone feels a bit nervous. I am writing to reassure you that all the teachers and support staff at Highdown are looking forward to supporting you as you become part of our community. There is a whole team of people to help you. We also have a dedicated student buddy team trained up ready to help our new year sevens. They do a great job each year and make starting new school as easy as it can be. Our community looks after each other very well.

At the moment we don't know whether we will be able to have our usual induction days in the summer or our welcome evening. We hope we will but, in the meantime, there is lots of great information on our website; just look for the 'New Year 7' section under 'Joining Us'. As we learn more about what will happen over the next few months we will keep this updated.

All new year sevens and their families will be feeling similar emotions. We will *all* work together to give you the support that you need as you become a Highdowner.

Yours sincerely,

Rachel Cave
Headteacher

